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Dockets Management Branch
Food & Drug Administration
Dept. of Health & Human Services
12420 Parklawn Drive, Room 1-23
Rockville, Maryland, 20857

Gentlemen:

Re docket #98P-0203/CP, petition to ban forced molting of laying hens:

We urge you to make an early decision to ban the forced molting of laying hens, as requested by United Poultry Concerns under the above docket number, thus protecting food safety for human consumers while relieving millions of animals from unjustifiable cruelty.

The continued spread of Salmonella Enteritidis, due to forced molting, makes this a public health priority. Please give this decision your immediate attention.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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